

FEBRUARY 19, 1833.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ARCHER, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported the following bill:

A BILL

To carry into effect the convention between the United States and his Majesty the King of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, concluded at Naples, on the fourteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the President of the United States, by and with the advice and
4 consent of the Senate, shall appoint three commissioners, who
5 shall form a board, whose duty it shall be to receive and examine
6 all claims which may be presented to them under the conven-
7 tion between the United States and the King of the kingdom of
8 the Two Sicilies, of the fourteenth day of October, one thousand
9 eight hundred and thirty-two, which are provided for by the
10 said convention, according to the provisions of the same, and
11 the principles of justice, equity, and the law of nations. The
12 said board shall have a secretary, versed in the English, French,
13 and Italian languages, and a clerk, both to be appointed by the
14 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;
15 and the commissioners, secretary, and clerk, shall, before they

16 enter on the duties of their offices, take oath well and faithfully
17 to perform the duties thereof.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said com-
2 missioners shall be, and they are hereby, authorized to make
3 all needful rules and regulations, not contravening the laws of
4 the land, the provisions of this act, or the provisions of the
5 said convention for carrying their said commission into full
6 and complete effect.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the members of
2 the board so constituted shall meet at the city of Washington,
3 and their salaries shall begin to be allowed, within thirty days
4 after the exchange of the ratifications of the convention shall
5 have been proclaimed by the President of the United States;
6 and, within two years from the time of said meeting, they
7 shall terminate their duties. And the Secretary of State
8 is required, as soon as the proclamation of the President
9 shall have been made, to give notice of the said meeting, to be
10 published in two newspapers in Washington, and in such
11 other papers as he may think proper.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all records, do-
2 cuments, or other papers, which now are in, or hereafter, du-
3 ring the continuance of this commission, may come into the
4 possession of the Department of State, in relation to such
5 claims, shall be delivered to the commission aforesaid.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the compensa-
2 tion of the respective officers, for whose appointment provision
3 is made by this act, shall not exceed the following sums,
4 namely: to each of the said commissioners, at the rate of three
5 thousand dollars per annum; to the secretary of the board at
6 the rate of two thousand dollars per annum; and to the clerk
7 at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum. And the
8 President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby, au-
9 thorized to make such provision for the contingent expenses
10 of the said commission, as shall appear to him reasonable and
11 proper; and the said salaries and expenses shall be paid out of
12 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

1 SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the said com-
2 missioners shall report to the Secretary of State a list of the
3 several awards made by them; a certified copy whereof shall
4 be by him transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, who
5 shall thereupon distribute, in ratable proportions, among the
6 persons in whose favor the awards shall have been made, such
7 moneys as may have been received into the Treasury in vir-
8 tue of this act, according to the proportions which their re-
9 spective awards shall bear to the whole amount then received,
10 first deducting such sums of money as may be due the United
11 States from said persons in whose favor said awards shall be
12 made; and shall also cause certificates to be issued by the Se-
13 cretary of the Treasury, in such form as he may prescribe, show-

14 ing the proportion to which each may be entitled of the amount
 15 that may thereafter be received: and, on the presentation of
 16 the said certificates at the Treasury, as the nett proceeds of
 17 the general instalments, payable by the Neapolitan Govern-
 18 ment, shall have been received, such proportions thereof shall
 19 be paid to the legal holders of the said certificates.

1 SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the
 2 duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the several in-
 3 stalments, with the interest thereon, payable to the United
 4 States in virtue of the said convention, to be received from
 5 the Neapolitan Government, and transferred to the United
 6 States, in such manner as he may deem best, and the nett
 7 proceeds thereof to be paid into the Treasury, and the same
 8 are hereby appropriated, to satisfy the awards herein provided
 9 for.

1 SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That all communica-
 2 tions to or from the secretary of the board of commissioners,
 3 on the business of the commission, shall pass by mail free of
 4 postage.

1 SEC. 9. *And be further enacted,* That as soon as said
 2 commission shall be executed and completed, the records, do-
 3 cuments, and all other papers, in the possession of the com-
 4 mission or its officers, shall be deposited in the office of the
 5 Secretary of State.